

STATEMENT

23 November 1955

At approximately 0815, 17 November 1955, Watertown Operations called Nellis Operations on the Plan 62 line, and told the dispatcher, T/Sgt Wallace A. Sanchez, AF39276446, to have the tower try to contact C-54 AF49068 and divert him to Nellis AFB, as the weather at Watertown was very poor. This information was immediately given to the Nellis Tower Operator, A/Ja Richardson by T/Sgt Sanchez.

At approximately 1007, "NN" at March Flight Service called Nellis Operations and said that AF49068 had cancelled IFR at Goodsprings 1,000 feet on top at 0808 and that his ETA for Watertown was 0915; he further stated that a rerun check will be made. "NN" at Nellis Transient Alert conducted the check at Nellis with negative results. Salt Lake Control and Interprice had not heard from AF49068 ("07" and "17"). Las Vegas Radio reported AF49068 cancelled IFR at Goodsprings at 0808.

"A7" of the Nellis Tower reported that he had heard AF49068 call Indian Springs and Watertown three (3) times at about 0730 to 0800, on "Baker", 126.18 megacycles, with no answer. "A7" in the Nellis Tower was too busy at the time to answer the call of AF49068.

At 1548, L-20 121, piloted by Capt. Freeman spotted a wreckage on Charleston Peak, co-ordinates 371916. The crash system was initiated, all parties answering at 1548. The order to initiate the crash system was given by Capt. Sabak, Assistant Operations Officer at Nellis.

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*Why didn't
 disp. make by message
 confirmation within 1 hour
 to radio?*